

## UCAL Road Spill

**Date of Spill:** March 19, 2008

**Location:** Greka Oil and Gas, United California Lease, California

**Amount of Spill: Total (oil and water):** 5 barrels

On March 19, 2008, a local rancher notified EPA at the UCAL command post that long-term oil spill on an access road at the Greka UCAL lease was seeping to the surface. EPA notified Greka to address the seep to prevent cattle from being contaminated. Greka fenced the seep. The seep in the road was from a leaking pipeline under the road. The U.S. Coast Pacific Strike Team (PST) acting for OSC Robert Wise on-site for the Greka Bell Spill had noticed the oil seeping into an excavation next to the road in early February 2008 and notified Greka to mitigate the problem. At that same time, Santa Barbara County Petroleum Office notified Greka to mitigate the same spill. Throughout the month of February, PST, County Petroleum and OSC Wise directed Greka to mitigate this leak. Greka did remove oil from the excavation several times but never address the underlying problem. The spill has been mitigated and the pipeline repaired.

EPA issued a Notice of Federal Interest to Greka.

**Website:** [www.epaosc.org/Greka\\_UCAL-RD](http://www.epaosc.org/Greka_UCAL-RD)



Above: Oil seeping from beneath the road. This hole was open and collecting oil since January 2008.

Picture: U.S. EPA

Below: Oil that seeped up from beneath the road.

Picture: U.S. EPA



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